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Mark Laycock/For the Review

PAYING RESPECTS • Area residents frequented the scene of a fatal motor vehicle accident just south of Didsbury last week to lay flowers and pay their respects to 15-year-old Rita Macintosh who died on scene.

Town mourns Didsbury teen

Two other teens injured in rollover

BY SABEEN AHMAD
 Didsbury Review

A single vase full of fresh flowers sat at the edge of the coulee on Range Road 1.5 on the outskirts of Didsbury on Tuesday afternoon. DHS students gathered around the high school flagpole where flags were drawn to half-mast. It was a day of heavy hearts and tears as students gathered to comfort one another and speak with counsellors brought in to talk with them about the death of a fellow student, Rita Macintosh.

Macintosh was involved in a fatal vehicle rollover on range road 1.5 about one kilometre south of Didsbury, last Monday afternoon. Police say the accident, which occurred shortly after 4 p.m., involved three youth

driving in a grey 1999 GMC Sierra. Macintosh was driving southbound on the road and lost control on a gravel corner as the vehicle crested a hill. The vehicle went over an embankment and rolled 50 metres down a coulee ending up on its side.

Sixteen-year-old Tanner Watt and 15-year-old Courtney Keller were also involved in the accident and suffered injuries which



RITA MACINTOSH

required them to be taken to Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary for treatment.

Keller was treated for non-life-threatening injuries while Watt, who was airlifted by STARS to Foothills was released over the weekend after being treated for a number of serious injuries. Macintosh died on scene as a result of her injuries. Police say the cause of the rollover is still under investigation and will likely take several months before it is completed.

The bright, petite, Grade 9 student who had moved with her mother and two sisters to Didsbury three years ago from Grande Prairie, was known for always being able to make people smile or laugh.

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Recent grad saves a life

Darren Schmidt received a prestigious Chief's Award for his 'selfless actions in saving the life of another'.

The annual Chief's Awards Gala, hosted by Police Chief Rick Hanson, took place on May 20 in Calgary - seven months after Schmidt's act of heroism.

It was early afternoon on October 2, 2008, when Schmidt was beginning his drive home to Didsbury from a construction job in Calgary. He was stopped behind a car at a red light when he noticed a cyclist trying to cross the intersection.

"I saw him begin to pass in front of the car, but I didn't see him go past to the other side. I knew he must have fallen in front of the car," said Schmidt. "I was certain the driver hadn't noticed him, so I quickly threw my truck into park and

jumped out to assist the cyclist. He was just starting to go underneath the car and I braced his head with my elbows and began to pull him out."

In the chaos of the moment, the driver of the car confused the brake pedal with the gas. Seeing the vehicle beginning to lurch forward, Schmidt quickly pulled the cyclist to safety just seconds before the car lunged. It came to a stop on the sidewalk with the bike squashed underneath, narrowly missing both Schmidt and the 81 year old cyclist.

"If I was two seconds later getting to him, the car would have crushed him to the curb and he would likely have had lifethreatening injuries. When the paramedics arrived, he said to them 'This guy just saved my life'. That's when I knew how serious things really could have been," said Schmidt. "I was glad I had emergency training, but I would have

In brief

helped him either way. When you see something like that you just have to stop."

Nearly two years ago he became a volunteer fire fighter in Carstairs.

Schmidt may run into Chief Rick Hanson again, as he aspires to work with the City of Calgary either as a police officer or fire fighter. His parents and girlfriend joined him at the Chief's Awards at the Round-Up Centre, when Chief Rick Hanson awarded 15 officers and 11 civilians for their extraordinary courage, leadership and dedication in helping those in need.

Boyd Solar in Iraq

Officials with Boyd Solar Corp. just returned from Iraq after meeting with the investment boards and the governors of both Maysan and Basra Provinces.

Boyd Solar Corp. officials also met with a number of technical people from

the power distribution network and technology sector to discuss and evaluate the integration of solar power into the national grid.

Company officials say the new Iraq is favourable to Canada and acknowledges the world-class skills available here to help propel their country to the status of a modern and prosperous nation.

As a World-class provider of renewable energy systems, Boyd Solar company officials say they are seeking to be involved in such vision in Canada and abroad.

Correction

Dawsyn Harke was misidentified in a outline on page 6 of the Tuesday, May 26, 2009 issue of the Didsbury Review under a story headlined "A dog for Dawsyn could help." The Review apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.



IN MEMORY - Staff and students at Didsbury High School paid tribute to Rita Macintosh with a special table set up in the foyer of the school.

Macintosh

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"She was a sweetheart, she always came to class with a smile on her face...she just had a great spirit," said Macintosh's science teacher, Danielle deVos. "She was always smiling and it was contagious...you can see from the support the school has for her that she was very well liked by everybody - I don't know a single person that disliked her."

DeVos said the day following the accident the school was so quiet and emotional. "We had about 50 balloons that students signed and wrote messages for Rita on and let them go at 2:30 p.m."

Upon hearing of the tragedy, many students gathered together first thing Tuesday morning at Didsbury's Zion Evangelical Mission Church to have a candlelight memorial for the 15-year-old.

On Friday, Macintosh's family held a visitation at the Zion church where family and friends gathered to remember Rita. A slideshow played, along with some of Rita's favourite songs, on a large screen of photos of Rita flashing her bright smile. One of

Macintosh's mother's favourite photos, showed Rita flashing two thumbs up. "That's my Rita," said Rita Fowler about her daughter's constant optimism.

"She's going to be well missed by everybody," Fowler said. "She's touched everybody."

She said during a terribly difficult week she saw how her daughter had left a common 'golden thread' between everyone who had to make the decisions and deal with her passing. "Rita just wanted us to come together."

Fowler said her daughter's siblings, brothers Elias and Eddie and sisters Lisa, Bonita, Julie, April and Sheryl all pulled together and "we got through it." She added that on Sunday, she, her children, Macintosh's father, Ed Macintosh and other family and friends gathered at the accident scene where a cross made by the boyfriend of Fowler's daughter Julie, was placed in memory of Macintosh.

Macintosh's funeral was held on Saturday in Olds. Fowler said she heard about 400 people were in attendance. "Just the outpouring of love - people have been absolutely incredible," Fowler said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

MOUNTAIN VIEW REGIONAL WATER SERVICES COMMISSION

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

RENEWAL OF EXISTING WATERWORKS SYSTEM

In accordance with the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission has applied to Alberta Environment for a renewal of an existing approval of the Commission's existing water treatment facility. The facility will supply treated water to six communities of Innisfail, Bowden, Olds, Didsbury, Carstairs and Crossfield, three private users and eight farm connections. It will consist of pretreatment oxidation and absorption, enhanced coagulation and flocculation, ultrafiltration membrane system, and disinfection, a treated water storage reservoir and a water transmission line. It will have a maximum treatment capacity of 18,700 cubic metres per day. The capacity of the treated water storage reservoirs will be 3,410 cubic metres. The facility will be located in the NE of Section 36 Township 35 Range 1 West of the 5th Meridian.

Pursuant to section 73 of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, any person who is directly affected by this operation may submit a written statement of concern regarding this application. Failure to file a statement of concern may affect the right to file a Notice of Appeal with the Environmental Appeals Board. Such a statement of concern must be submitted to:

Director of Central Region
Alberta Environment
Regulatory Approvals Center
9th Floor, 9820 - 106 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2J6
Fax: (780) 422-0154

within 30 days of the date of this notice. Please quote Application No. 006-17000 when submitting a statement of concern in regards to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act application.

NOTE: Any statement filed regarding this application are public records which are accessible by the public.

Copies of the application and additional information can be obtained from:
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HATS OFF - Didsbury Career High graduates ceremoniously toss their caps after their convocation last Friday.

Sabeen Ahmad/Didsbury Review

Milk jug deposit now refundable

BY MARK LAYCOCK
For the Review

This week marks the first time Didsbury residents can take their milk containers to the recycling depot and reclaim a deposit.

Effective June 1 all milk and cream containers in Alberta will be sold with the marking "AB DEPOSIT" printed in either red or black on the neck of plastic containers, or near the top of a milk carton.

The move will make Alberta the first jurisdiction in Canada to impose a deposit on milk containers.

The deposit applies to all 30 millilitre or more beverage containers that contain: milk, cream, whipping cream, buttermilk, drinkable yogurt, and meal replacements.

Containers without this marking can be taken to most bottle depots as a courtesy, but no refund will be given. Otherwise, unmarked and marked containers can be taken to the town's recycling facilities.

The new deposit on milk containers spawns from an

announcement by the Alberta Beverage Container Recycling Board in October 2008 that milk containers be treated the same as other beverage containers.

The provincial government hopes the new deposit will encourage Albertans to recycle more in and effort to

increase recycling rates to 85 per cent from its existing rate of 75 per cent.

Currently only 60 per cent of plastic milk jugs and 23 per cent of milk cartons are being recycled.

"This is an exciting move for Alberta bringing milk and liquid cream containers into the deposit-refund system will help boost overall beverage container recycling rates and decrease the amount of containers going into landfills," said Ross Risvold, Chair of the Beverage Container Management Board.

Consumers are asked to rinse and squish all containers before taking them to a recycling depot. Milk labels must be left on all containers in order to receive a refund.

For more information, please visit:
www.bcmb.ab.ca

Milk container recycling facts

When can be recycled: Only milk containers with the "AB DEPOSIT" marking and the label still attached can be returned for a refund.

How to recycle: All containers should be rinsed and flattened before being deposited.

Deposit per container: Plastic and carton containers, one litre or less, 10 cents; plastic and carton containers more than one

litre, 25 cents.

What kinds of containers can be recycled: Any 30 millilitre or more beverage containers that contain: milk, cream, whipping cream, buttermilk, drinkable yogurt, and meal replacements.

Where can they be recycled: Any recycle depot.

Unmarked containers: Will be accepted by most recycle depots, but no refund will be given.

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Opinion

Commentary

Gangsters should be made unwelcome

DAN SINGLETON



A crackdown on organized crime in the province's big cities is having a very unfortunate consequence in small-town Central Alberta – an influx of gangsters and a rise in criminal activities in communities unaccustomed to such big-city problems.

And unless stakeholders here come together to counter the new threat, things can only go from bad to worse, says area Conservative MP Blake Richards.

The MP recently met with RCMP detachment commanders in the region to discuss "gangsters hanging around in our communities."

"I'm really worried about the organized crime element that we are starting to see in my riding," said Richards. "What is happening is that Calgary has created an anti-gang unit and they've been doing a really good job in cracking down and making these guys feel uncomfortable in Calgary."

"So what is happening is the gangsters aren't feeling comfortable in Calgary so they are moving out here. We are starting to see some of the communities in my riding seeing them."

Like their Calgary counterparts, criminals based in Red Deer are also increasingly making their presence felt in rural areas through more drug trafficking, break and enters, robberies, thefts and other such activities.

Yet while the increase in organized crime in rural areas is a troubling development, there are several things communities can do to counter the threat posed by these gangsters.

Residents can provide police with invaluable assistance by promptly reporting crime when they see or suspect it is happening.

The Crime Stoppers program is one of the best crime-fighting tools ever devised and residents should be encouraged make good use of the tip-collection network to bring the gangsters' activities to the attention of police.

One thing criminals hate to see is their activities made the talk of the town. Police forces everywhere rely on intelligence gathering and residents can do their part by providing investigators with useful and timely information.

"I think one of the things that needs to be looked at mostly is an increase in sharing of intelligence between RCMP and Calgary police, so our local RCMP officers know about these guys and who they are and what they are up to," said MP Richards.

Hopefully the big-city police will do the right thing as far as providing rural RCMP detachments with the background information they need.

Area politicians can also do their part by ensuring town and county municipal enforcement officers have the necessary resources to adequately patrol and monitor their respective jurisdictions.

While big-city police forces should be applauded for making life tough for gangsters, rural Albertans must also do their part to make organized criminals unwelcome in towns and counties.

Letter to the editor

Playing blind man's bluff costly

About six months ago, Mr. Harper asked for our votes. He said the economy is fine and we should invest in the stock market. He played poker with the Canadian economy and our jobs in order to bluff his way to government. Since then 400,000 jobs have been lost and the federal government has fallen \$50 billion into deficit. May Canada have few leaders like him - we cannot afford to play his game.

Eugene Parks
Victoria, B.C.



DONALD DUCK IS 75! - PROVING CHARACTER HAS A ROLE IN AGING...

Commentary

Don't buy Yuma condo just yet

SCOTT HENNIG



For Albertans, a strong Canadian dollar is a double-edged sword.

On one hand, Albertans can vacation longer in Florida, gamble more in Las Vegas or get a steamin' deal on a car just across the US border. On the other hand, a high dollar means fewer bucks in the provincial treasury, placing pressure on an already high deficit. And, the larger the deficit, the more likely the province will implement spending cuts or tax hikes.

The Alberta government has long enjoyed the benefits afforded by the oil and gas industry. The royalties paid to government since 1981 have provided an average of 27 per cent of all government revenues, and have helped pay for Albertans' education, health care, roads and more.

Even though groups too numerous to list (including the Canadian Taxpayers Federation) long warned the provincial government not to become too reliant on these oil and gas revenues, and to start saving them rather than spending them - they did anyway. The province now brags of spending more than double the per capita national average on infrastructure, and is the second highest spending province in the nation on gov-

ernment programs (Newfoundland and Labrador is the only one higher on a per person basis).

Indeed, out of control spending is the reason why the province is mired with a \$4.7 billion deficit this year - the largest one in Alberta's history. In fact, once debt-free had the province limited its annual spending growth to match the growth in the population and inflation, the province would be running a \$2.9 billion surplus.

Regardless, the province procrastinated on any major cuts in this year's budget, and instead threatened to find \$2 billion in "fiscal correction" (read: spending cuts or tax hikes) next year unless the price of oil and gas returns to near record levels.

But oil and gas prices should be the least of the finance department's worries.

If oil ends up averaging \$60US for the entire fiscal year, it will mean an additional \$644 million in revenues for the province. Natural gas prices may be low right now, but it tends to be low during summer months and then ratchets up in the winter when we start firing up our furnaces. However, industry predictions are suggesting natural gas prices aren't likely to top \$6 any time soon. In all likelihood, gains on the oil side will offset losses from natural gas, and have little impact on the size of our deficit.

However, the real kicker for the

Alberta government could be the dollar. Budget 2009 predicted the Canadian dollar to be worth 83.5 cents US. For every 1 cent increase in the Canadian dollar, the Alberta government loses \$221 million in revenues. This is largely due to the fact that we export much of our oil and natural gas to the US, and that oil is sold in US dollars.

If the Canadian dollar continues to hover around 90 cents, this has the potential of hiking our deficit to over \$6 billion this year. A dollar at par - as TD Securities has suggested it will be by the end of 2009 - would drive Alberta's deficit even larger. But with the US government facing an estimated \$1.84 trillion deficit this year - four times larger than the largest deficit in US history - 2010 may even see the Canadian dollar above par.

A dollar above par may be a boon to Albertans looking to buy a condo in Arizona, but it will hurt the oil and gas sector, hurt the Canadian export business and push the Alberta government's deficit even higher.

And a higher deficit, combined with a year of government inaction on finding spending cuts, can only mean one thing: tax hikes.

So don't buy that condo in Yuma just yet, you might need the extra dough to pay your soon-to-be-rising tax bill.

Scott Hennig is the Alberta director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation

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PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, June 2 & 23, 2009 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers

DIDSBURY LIFELINE ASSOCIATION:

Monday, June 8, 2009 at 10:00 am in Council Chambers

The Town Office will be closed the second Friday of every month from Noon to 1:00 pm (next date: June 12, 2009)

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS:

DP 33-09	#61 Deer Coulee Dr.	SFD with attached garage with conditions	R1
DP 38-09	1278 - 23 Ave.	Deck with landing with conditions	R2
DP 40-09	2121 - 19 Ave.	Detached garage with conditions	R2
DP 41-09	1198 - 15 Ave.	Detached garage with conditions	R2
DP 42-09	#84, 1190 - 15 Ave.	Move in mobile home/deck with conditions	R3

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 403-335-3391. Person(s) wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on **June 16, 2009**.

Kim Boyd, Development Officer

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- **SPORTS FOR SHORTS** - This program explores sports like soccer, basketball and other fun indoor activities for children aged 3 - 5. June 22 - July 27, cost is \$35/child.

For more info or to register, call DNP at 403-335-8719

4th Annual Cemetery Memorial Service

Sunday, June 7th, 2009

2:00 p.m. at the Didsbury Cemetery

This is an Interdenominational memorial service held each year in conjunction with the different churches in town. This service is held in commemoration of those residing in our cemetery. Please bring a lawn chair.

If the weather is inclement, this service will be held at the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

WATER RESTRICTION NOTIFICATION

The Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission has imposed a Level 1 Water Restriction on its Customers effective May 14, 2009.

The Level 1 Restriction requires the following water restrictions:

- **Lawn watering is on odd days for homes with odd numbers and lawn watering on even days for homes with even numbers.**

Please contact the Town of Didsbury Office at 403-335-3391 or the Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission at 403-227-5828 if you have any questions.



ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS!

Saturday, June 20 Didsbury Lions Soap Box Derby

Time of Closure: 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Closure of Highway 582 Junction at the east side of the Campground to 19th Street. Detour of traffic east and west on 20th Avenue to 19th Street and north and south on 19th Street from Highway 582 and 20th Avenue. Access will be allowed to local traffic to the Industrial Park north of Highway 582 from 19th Street and 16th Street.

Saturday, June 27 Rural Ride for Dad

Charity Fundraiser for the fight against Prostate Cancer

Time of Closure: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closure of the parking lot on Main Street (20th Street & 19th Avenue) and northbound laneway closure in front of Didsbury Train Station to allow for the participants of the Rural Ride for Dad event to park their bikes.



2009 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT & TAXATION NOTICES WERE MAILED ON MAY 21, 2009.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR NOTICE PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN OFFICE TAX DEPARTMENT AT 403-335-7354.

Final Assessment Complaint date is June 22, 2009

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

TEMPORARY FULL-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Town of Didsbury is currently accepting applicants for Administrative Assistant position in the Public Works Department.

This temporary position is for 8 to 10 weeks. Hours are Monday to Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Qualifications: Diploma in Secretarial Arts or equivalent experience in a secretarial position. Minimum of two (2) years in office setting. Possess strong organizational, interpersonal and written communication skills. Good working knowledge of computers and office equipment. Excellent typing skills.

For a complete job description please check out the Town of Didsbury website at: www.didsbury.ca

Please apply with resume by June 10, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. to:

Charlie Macdonald, Manager of Public Works
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Seussical proving to be a can-doosical

BY ANDREW WILD
For the Review

A first time production in the rhyming of Seuss has grown and grown and grown to the size of a moose.

With all apologies to the original Dr. Seuss, the above rhyme is somewhat appropriate when describing the undertaking the Meadowlark Players have with putting together this weekend's production of *Seussical the Musical*.

A cast of 30-plus has been busy for months putting the finishing touches on the musical romp featuring many of Dr. Seuss's best-known characters.

According to director-producer Carla Newsham, the production has appearances from beloved favourites like the Cat in the Hat, the Grinch, Whos and many others, but not re-enacting their well-known books.

"All of them are really entwined together into a really neat storyline," she explained. "Ninety-five per cent of it is sung and everything is in Seussical language, so everything is rhymed."

"It's just a lot of fun, kids will love it," Newsham added. "It's very high action, typical Seuss stuff and very silly, but adults will like it too because it brings back some of those memories of the books they read."

The production will be making its debut in the TransCanada Theatre at the CLC Fine Arts and Multi-media Centre this weekend. Opening night is Thursday at 7 p.m. with productions running three nights through to Sunday afternoon when the only matinee will take place at 2:30 p.m.

The majority of the cast consists of students from Newsham's Meadowlark Studios in Didsbury where she teaches voice and musical theatre, thus the moniker Meadowlark Players.

While the original idea was to develop a production that could utilize youth and child performers since they formed the majority of the students, it eventually grew into the community.

"It started out as a group of my students ... and since then we've had to bring in family members and community members because it is such a huge musical," she explained.

The idea to develop a large-scale production grew from the musical theatre snippets that students would do for the Kiwanis Music Festival every year.

In developing those pieces for the festival, many of the students began to develop an interest in the process of singing and acting simultaneously.

"I think they just got bit by the musical theatre bug," Newsham laughed.

She decided that by co-ordinating the snippets into a full-blown production, it would further expand the skills of the students and give them an enjoyable team-oriented production.

While many of the students do perform in either the OHS or Didsbury High productions, she thought it would be neat to offer an additional opportunity to those students and a new experience for those who had yet to take part in a larger production.

"We had enough of my group of students to put something of this magnitude on, so I just thought this was the time to do it," Newsham said. "Not all my students jumped on board, but the majority of them did."

Undertaking such a large production meant she was going to need some help in bringing the musical to the stage. Thus,



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SEUSSICAL - The cast of *Seussical the Musical* poses in front of sets during a rehearsal recently. *Seussical the Musical* is running for three evening performances and one matinee June 4-7 at the fine arts centre in Olds. Tickets can be purchased at Craig's, Shoppers Drug Mart Uptown and Olds Municipal Library.

she enlisted the help of Val Schmidt who is serving as assistant director, stage manager as well as taking on a role as one of the Whos.

"We met last summer and said 'do you need any help' and here I am," said Schmidt who has two children in the orchestra.

Another person brought in was Brent Hougstol who has undertaken the task of bringing together the 19-piece orchestra that will provide the live musical score for the approximately two-hour production.

Considering the music helps direct the action and create the scenes, they thought it important to go all out in creating a rich sound.

"*Seussical* is so musically demanding that one little piano or keyboard doesn't do it justice because there's so many different sounds," Newsham added.

The musicians, much like the performers, are an eclectic mix of young and old from around the region including Olds and Didsbury and beyond. In fact, both band instructors from the two high schools are in the orchestra playing instruments, something that illustrates the community co-operation the organizers have received.

In addition, a past Meadowlark student, Phoenix Smith who is taking dance at the University of Calgary, has returned to help with the choreography for the production.

"There's lots of group stuff ... so it's a big job," Newsham said.

Overall, the cast for the production was in place by January and since then they've been a travelling band of performers looking for a place to practise. Luckily many places have stepped in and provided them with a space large enough to work on the production, including the United Church in Olds and Didsbury High School.

However, since then they've settled in to the TransCanada

Theatre to get ready for this weekend's production.

The group is hoping that the experience may further spur on the increasingly visible arts community to continue growing and the general community to support productions.

"I really feel that our community, now that we have a fine arts centre, is very keen on the arts," she said. "I think the more we use it, the better we'll get."

Seussical the Musical tickets are available at Craig's, Shoppers Drug Mart Uptown and the Olds Municipal Library. Tickets are \$10 for people 12 and up and \$5 for those under 12 as long as an adult accompanies them.

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Tuck shop volunteer declared 'outstanding'

BY SABEEN AHMAD
Didsbury Review

For Florence Fredine, the idea of volunteering is something she believes just came from within her.

After volunteering at the Aspen Ridge Lodge for almost five years, this year she was presented with Didsbury's Outstanding Volunteer Award.

"Florence is the mastermind behind many large events and weekly services provided at the lodge," stated the lodge's recreational therapist, Brandee Bowman, in her nomination ballot for Fredine. "Her hard work and willingness to give back to the residents of the lodge is much appreciated by all the residents and staff."

Fredine's main focuses are on the spring and fall pie teas held every year as well as managing the tuck shop where residents are able to purchase items anywhere from stamps and cards to chips and candy. She also organizes to have a birthday cake brought to the monthly birthday teas.

"I quit work in 2000 and volunteered with the auxiliary at the hospital for a bit - when the lodge opened I started over there," says Fredine about how she got started volunteering at the lodge. "We have a group called 'Friends of Aspen'...I'm the president - and we've got probably about 12 members."

She says the tuck shop is what occupies most of her time with having to buy supplies and keep the shop well stocked for their resident customers who look

forward to stopping at the shop. "It gives them a place to visit with someone who's not from the lodge...it goes quite well."

Having lived in Didsbury since 1975, Fredine worked in the kitchen at the hospital for 25 years before quitting.

"I quit mainly so my husband and I could travel." She admits that when she quit she found herself antsy to get out. "Men will sit in the house all day and that's not me, I wanted to get out and about."

She explains when the lodge opened in 2004 there was a lady she had worked with at the hospital who was living there. Fredine figured she could give some of her time to the lodge and to some of the people she now knew that lived there.

While she admits she mainly volunteers to get out and about, Fredine, who has also clocked in 1,400 workouts at Curves since she joined in 2002,

says she doesn't want to put too many hours into volunteering as she values her freedom from work.

She does acknowledge how important volunteering is to her and how, in many ways, it has become a social thing for her. "I've been living in Didsbury since 1975 so I know a lot of the ladies there now and so it's a social thing too," she laughs.

Prior to living in Didsbury, Fredine and her family lived in Lloydminster where she quickly became a part of the United Church's women's committee. The volunteer committee gave her a chance to meet new people when she

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OUTSTANDING - Florence Fredine is recognized as Didsbury's outstanding volunteer.

first moved to the city and knew nobody. "I think probably it was still in my blood!" she says jokingly about volunteering. "I never really thought about it until right now!"

Fredine says she's aware of the issue of diminishing volunteers but says it's not something you can force anyone into doing.

"I think that when you volunteer it's something that comes from inside you - you can't make a person volunteer because you're giving of yourself, you're giving of your time."

She hopes volunteers continue to give their time and help others. She was pleased in saying the lodge had some

youth volunteers that sit with the residents and listen to the stories they have to share. "When I get to 85 I hope there will be someone volunteering," she laughs.

She adds that it is difficult to get youth to volunteer and often times it takes "some kind soul to organize it," but she points out volunteering could maybe "help the youth to stay on the right path."

Fredine was quite honoured to have won the Outstanding Volunteer award this year and humbly says the award is not just for her. "This award is for everybody - I don't care if you volunteer one hour or 50."

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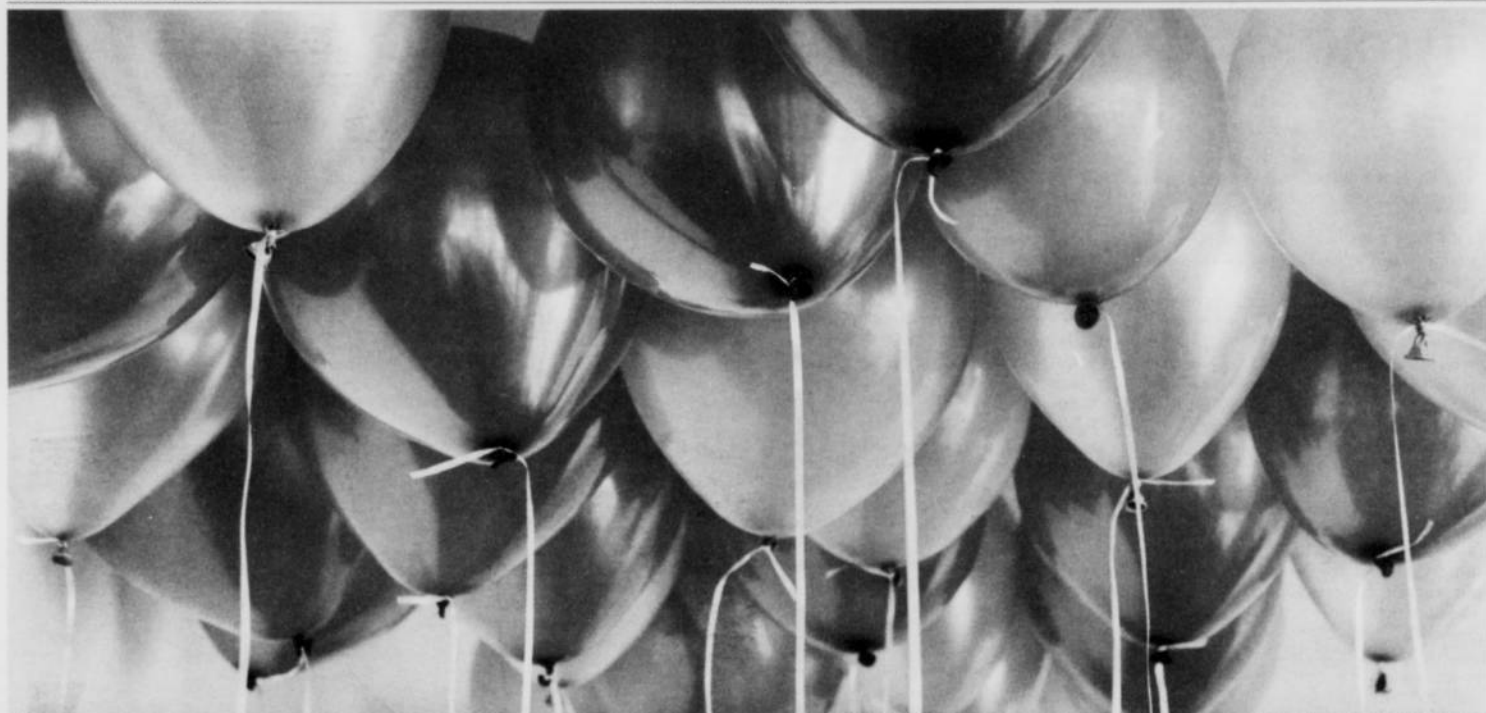
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Dragons on fire at zone track meet

BY ANDREW WILD
For the Review

Dragons are known to breathe fire and fly, but who knew jumping and throwing were among their other talents.

Four Didsbury High School athletes will be demonstrating those abilities at the ASAA Track and Field championships after securing berths in the meet with top showings at the south central zone finals last week.

Jon Guenther will be the lone entry jumping for height in the senior boys high jump after taking the zone title with a leap of 1.78m. He'll be joined by double-qualifier Justin Code who qualified in both the senior boys long jump and triple jump with leaps of 5.96m and 12.22m respectively. Only uber-athlete Jeff Hassler of Holy Trinity Academy of Okotoks prevented Code from hitting the top step of the podium in

both events.

However, teammate James Lefebvre did make the top berth with a leap of 11.96 in the junior boys triple jump.

Also heading to provincials but in a completely different discipline will be Chelsea Overwater. The multi-talented athlete took the senior girls discus throw with a top throw of 24.92m.

Megan Verbeek narrowly missed a trip to provincials finishing third in both the intermediate girls 200m and long jump. Evan Thompson also just missed a trip to provincials finishing third in the junior boys 100m hurdles.

Lefebvre narrowly missed a second event at provincials finishing tied for second in junior boys high jump but missing out on the berth thanks to taking more attempts to clear his final height of 1.65m.

The senior boys 4x100m relay team consisting of Code, Zac McCargar, Earl Blakley and Cody Lappala finished fourth with a total time of 48.41 seconds.

Mackenzie Code also finished fourth in the junior girls 200m in a time of 28.83.

Overall, the Dragons finished 13th in the zone with 92.5 points.



HEIGHT CLEARANCE – Didsbury High School's Jonathon Guenther clears the bar at the county track and field meet in Carstairs May 20. Guenther went on to the zone meet in Calgary to win first place in the senior boys high jump clearing 1.78 metres.

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Hit and run investigated

On May 26 around 3:30 p.m. a gold 2005 Buick Century was hit by another vehicle while parked in front of either the Chinook Winds Lodge or Fireside Restaurant. Damage to the vehicle is isolated to the front of the driver's side and is estimated at more than \$1,000.

Attempted break and enter

Police are asking for assistance in catching the individual or individuals responsible for an attempted break and enter at a rural Cremona residence located about a mile north and a mile east of Cremona off of Hwy. 22.

Screwdriver marks were found on the door to the home.

Police are currently following up on a possible person of interest.

Rural signs damaged

On May 23 around 11:30 p.m. a welcome sign at a rural Carstairs residence was damaged along Range Road 15. The sign was taken down and destroyed. Another sign at another home nearby was also damaged.

Bank draft scam

RCMP are warning residents to be on the lookout for a bank draft scam that recently victimized at least one

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In early May she received the draft and cashed it and send the Western Union money order.

On May 21 she contacted RCMP to report the scam. A follow-up police investigation determined the draft and several others seized by Canada Customs were counterfeit.

"Sundre RCMP wants the public to be aware of this type of scam, and to take the necessary precautions," said Const. Wright, noting that the Sundre woman is on the hook for the lost cash.

The drafts did not have usually seen security features

such as watermarks and embossed printing.

Commercial vehicle crackdown

Alberta RCMP, along with its enforcement partners, will increase public education and enforcement efforts related to commercial vehicles on Alberta highways throughout the month of June.

Every day, motor vehicles share the highways of Alberta with thousands of commercial vehicles. Big rigs are the lifeblood of the economy - moving millions of dollars worth of material of every description across the country daily.

This police initiative supports the Alberta Traffic Safety Plan and is designed to remind people that an essential part of the enforcement job is to save lives and reduce injuries on our roadways. The focus will be on commercial vehicle safety and behaviours that put drivers, passengers and other road users most at risk: unsafe vehicle equipment safety, impaired driving, improper seat belt use, and intersection related incidents involving drivers, riders and pedestrians. All enforcement agencies across Alberta have been invited to participate.

Commercial vehicles can log millions of kilometres. These great distances, combined with the loads that they carry, add to vehicle wear and tear. Commercial vehicle safety and the safety of other road users depends on a number of factors, including regular maintenance and inspection. Drivers are ultimately responsible and accountable for the safety and maintenance of their equipment.

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What do cows and playgrounds have in common?

From our past two articles we know our playgrounds shared by Ross Ford and Westglen Middle schools are what tie these two schools together. We have also explained how Cowabunga has grown into a grass-roots rural community family dance which funds the maintenance and purchase of the playground equipment at Ross Ford Elementary School.

It was from this grassroots community involvement that the theme of our third annual Cowabunga Dance came to fruition.

All cattlemen know when you show an animal, this animal needs to be groomed for the show ring. This is called "fitting" and it is a fitting theme for this year.

Last year, one member of our elementary school family was fighting cancer and she is also part of a rural cattle-farming family. Our principal, Mr. Runnett, made a prom-

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ise to this student that if she lost her hair during her cancer treatments, that he would also lose his.

So the cattle trimmers and hair sprays were collected and the kickoff to our Cowabunga began with a little "trim!"

All the students were excited as the "mooring" announcements continued and the bets were on to how short we would trim Mr. Runnett's hair.

The evening of the Cowabunga Family Dance arrived with apprehension on Mr. Runnett's face! The "stage" was set and Mr. Runnett's hair was purple! Our honoured student arrived to assist Mrs. Scott with a promise to fulfill. The crowd was roaring as Mr. Runnett was seated on the hay wagon on his special straw chair. The trimmers came out and with chants of "cut that hair," they began the task. As more and more purple hair fell, and the smiles of the

crowd grew, Mr. Runnett lost his hair to the trimmers to fulfill his promise.

So began another Cowabunga and the last installment of our cow "tales!" Watch for our story and pictures of this year's Cowabunga in next week's paper. We look forward to seeing you at "Cowabunga!"

Join us this year for our Annual Cowabunga Family Dance this Thursday night, June 4, 2009 in the parking lot of the Ross Ford Elementary School beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you wish to support our continued efforts to build, maintain, and - this year - add wheelchair accessible equipment, please feel free to contact Ross Ford Elementary School at (403)335-3234. Thank you to all those supporting our Cowabunga Dance this year and in the past with barn "door" prizes, silent auction items, food and beverages, and donations. Come join us for some food and fun in support of our continued efforts to provide fun for the youth in our community.

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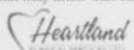
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Ross Stanley Rule

Born in Daysland, Alberta September 3, 1922 and deceased May 22, 2009. Predeceased by his parents, Ross and Henrietta, brothers Rock and Stacey, sister Joyce, and a son Vernon Whidden. Survived by his wife of fifty seven years, Berneice, daughter Shelley Owens, and son Gordon (Carrie), grandchildren Joshua (Wendy) Owens, Joey Owens, Ashley Rule, Adam Rule, and Veronica Whidden, great-grandchildren Brayden Owens, Logan Owens, and Penny Owens, sister Daphne Ewart, brother Frank (Helen) Rule, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ross was raised in the Peace River area and served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II. After the war, he settled in Edmonton where he met Berneice Steckly. They married in Edmonton in 1951 and moved to Calgary shortly thereafter. In 1964, with the family complete after the birth of both children, Ross moved the family to San Francisco, California to continue as an insurance adjuster. In 1967, they moved to San Jose, California where Ross established his own business and ran it successfully until he retired in 1987. Upon retirement, he and Berneice returned to Alberta with her parents; first to Consort and then in Didsbury. In 1997, they moved to Fairfield, Ohio to continue to enjoy their retirement and be closer to their daughter and grandchildren. In 2001, they returned to Didsbury as Ross's health needs increased. Through the years, Ross was a member of First Baptist Church in Calgary, Westlake Southern Baptist Church in Daly City, CA, Calvary Baptist Church in Daly City, Church of the Redeemer in San Jose, Blossom Hill Baptist Church in San Jose, and Knox United Church in Didsbury; serving in many capacities as a deacon, treasurer, usher, and even helped to construct the church building. He was also a member of The Gideons, United Commercial Travelers, Royal Canadian Legion, Didsbury Chamber of Commerce, and Didsbury R/C Fun Flyers.

Ross was the epitome of an optimist; having survived polio, arterial sclerosis, arterial bypass, cancer, macular degeneration - he never gave up and had a ready smile and joke for all! His family fondly referred to him as the "energizer bunny" and we will dearly miss him.

Ross was a great cribbage and scrabble player, loved to read and enjoyed playing cards with family and friends. He also enjoyed camping and the outdoors. If something were broken, Ross would find a way to fix it - whether by the book or jury-rigged (his specialty).

In lieu of flowers, due to his unending love for dogs the family requests that donations be made in Ross's memory to the Alberta SPCA, 10806 - 124 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5M 0H3 or www.albertasPCA.org.

A Memorial Service will be held at Knox United Church, 1406 - 19th Avenue, Didsbury, Alberta on Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 2:00pm.

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